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TO

Promote the Re-afforesting of Ireland.

A.D. 1901.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Re-afforesting (Ireland) Act, 1901. Short title.

2. From and after the *passing of this Act* tenants of lands for statutory terms, and subject to statutory conditions under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, shall be entitled to claim and 10 exercise the rights and privileges conferred by the statute passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for encouraging the planting of Timber Trees," and the Acts amending it, in the same manner as if they had been such tenants for lives 15 renewable for ever, as are in the said Act mentioned or referred to in reference to all such trees or woods as shall be planted by such tenants from and after the *passing of this Act*, and the provisions of the said Act and the Acts amending it shall apply to such tenants for statutory terms accordingly, and the provisions of the 20 said Acts shall extend to fruit trees and osiers. Extension of 5 Geo. 3 c. 17.

3.—(1.) Trees and osiers planted and registered by a tenant under the provisions of this Act and of the Acts herein-before mentioned, may be deemed improvements within the meaning of the fourth section of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 25 1870. Improvements under the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870.

(2.) A tenant of a holding under a lease made for a term certain of not less than thirty-one years, or, in cases of leases made before the *first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy*, for a term of a life or lives, with or without a concurrent term of

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years, which leases shall have existed for thirty-one years hefo re the making of the claim, shall be entitled to compensation for improvements under tbe fourth section of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, in respect of trees and osiers planted or registered hy him under the provisions of this Act and of the Acts referred to in section two of this Act. 5

(3.) The twenty-second section of a statute passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws for the encouragement of planting Timher Trees" is herehy repealed. 10

Section 10 of 23 & 24 Geo. 3. c. 39. (Ireland) not to apply in certain cases.

4. No person entitled to the reversion or inheritance of any lands shall he entitled to the henefits of the provisions of the tenth section of an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, chapter thirty-nine, as long as the interest or term of any tenant of such lands shall he subsisting. 15

Powers of county councils

5. From and after *the passing of this Act* any county council in Ireland shall he empowered to do all things necessary to promote the planting of trees and osiers on waste lands within its boundaries. 20

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